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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 10-30 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9, 31, and 32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Detailed Action

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on January 8, 2007 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

2. The reply filed on January 8, 2007 was applied to the following effect: Claims 1-5,8-11,15,19, and 26 were amended.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 9,31, and 32 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kasajima et al (USPN 6,751,062).

5. Regarding Claim 9, Kasajima et al shows (Figs. 1-6) a slider assembly, comprising: a slider (22) having a magnetic head (17) for reading and/or writing to a storage medium; and a vibration absorber (21) operatively coupled (join, connect) to the slider for reducing mechanical vibrations of the slider caused by contact of the slider with the storage medium, wherein the

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weight has a flat profile (an outline of an object, as a molding, formed on a vertical plane passed through the object at right angles to one of its principal horizontal dimensions), wherein a plane (vertical plane in above definition) of the weight along the profile is oriented at an angle with respect to an air bearing surface of the slider, the angle being greater than 0 degrees. The vertical plane is oriented at an angle of 90 degrees, which is greater than zero.

6. Regarding Claim 31, Kasajima et al shows (Figs. 1-6) a magnetic storage system, comprising: a magnetic disk (10); at least one head (17) for reading from and writing to the magnetic disk; a slider (22) for supporting the head, an actuator arm (24) and suspension for supporting the slider; a vibration absorber (21) for reducing mechanical vibrations of the slider caused by contact of the slider with the magnetic media; wherein the vibration absorber includes a coupling portion (27,29) operatively coupled to the slider, and a weight (21) coupled to the coupling portion by a resiliently deformable flexure member (23); and a control unit (12) coupled to the head for controlling operation of the head.

7. Regarding Claim 32, Kasajima et al shows (Figs. 1-6) a slider assembly, wherein the weight (21) is positioned towards a trailing edge of the slider, the weight being spaced from the coupling portion, the weight only being coupled to the coupling portion by the flexure (23).

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 1-8 and 10-30 allowed.


Conclusion

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Blouin whose telephone number is 571-272-7583. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 6:00 to 3:30 pm.

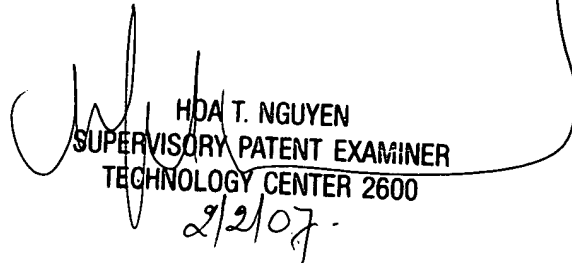
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoa Nguyen, can be reached on 571-272-7579. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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